

GRADED SCHOOL COMMENCEMENT.

Closing Exercises of the Primary Grades of Graded School.

The closing exercises of the primary grades of the Graded School were held in the Opera House last Wednesday at 9.30 o'clock. The programme consisted of selections of songs, recitations and recitative exercises selected from the every-day work of the classes, it being the purpose of these exercises to give the patrons of the school a glimpse of the work done in the primary grades.

The most remarkable feature of the entertaining programme was the recitation by the second grade children of Browning's "Pied Piper of Hamelin." This long poem was excellently rendered in unison by the entire grade, without a break or omission of a single line.

The Opera House was so crowded that many persons were standing, and everyone appeared to enjoy the little folks' commencement.

The programme was as follows:
Invocation, The Rev. Mr. Fairley.
Song, Sweet and Low, Primary Grades.

FIRST GRADE.

Song, Follow Me.
Recitation, Sugar Plum Tree.
Song, Birdies' Ball.

SECOND GRADE.

Recitation, The Pied Piper of Hamelin.
Lullaby, To and Fro.
Bob-o-link.

THIRD GRADE.

Song, Cradle Song.
Physical Exercises.
Motion Song, Daisy Fair.

FOURTH GRADE.

Song, The School Brigade.
Recitation, Miltiades Peterkin Paul.
Song, The Daisy and the Raindrops.
Song, Little Boy Blue.
Dixie, Primary Grades.

The Closing Exercises of a Successful Year's Work—An Interesting Programme.

The closing exercises of the Graded School were held in the Opera House last Thursday night from 8 to 11 o'clock. As usual on such occasions, the auditorium was packed to the doors and the exercises were followed with the greatest interest by everyone present.

The programme was not only interesting but enjoyable, and even those who had not the personal interest in the exercises resulting from the presence of a child or children among the pupils felt a just pride in the school on account of the creditable manner in which the programme was carried out.

Each year there is a marked improvement in the chorus singing by the school. The systematic instruction in vocal music, begun only a few years since, is fully justified by the results and now the children's singing is one of the most attractive and enjoyable features of the closing exercises.

The Rhyme Declaimer's Medal was contested for by William S. Manning, Jr., and Charles H. Hurst, two boys in the tenth grade, who acquitted themselves well, showing by their delivery that they had not only received good training but had put hard and intelligent work on the preparation of their speeches. The medal was awarded to Charles H. Hurst by the committee, Messrs. W. F. Kham, C. J. Owens and T. G. McLeod.

Rev. H. H. Covington read at the request of Supt. Edmunds the exposition of the Class Motto, which for personal reasons Mr. Edmunds felt unable to deliver, as has been his custom heretofore. The class motto is "Pulchrum patriam amare"—"It is beautiful to love one's country." And the central idea emphasized by the exposition prepared by Mr. Edmunds was patriotism from a Southern standpoint.

The class criticism was read by Miss Hattie Lowry, who had prepared a clever and well-drawn series of character sketches of her classmates. The sketches were drawn from life and an intimate personal knowledge of the subjects, and if those who thus had the mirror held up to them for self-inspiration enjoyed the proceeding as well as did the audience they did not find the exercises altogether a bore.

Miss Isidore Teicher, who won the first honor of the class, delivered the valedictory. She had a well thought out and carefully prepared essay, and it was read in a graceful and easy manner.

The prizes offered annually by Dick Anderson Chapter, U. D. C., for the best compositions on some topic connected with the war between the States written by pupils of the seventh and eighth grades and the ninth and tenth grades were presented by Hon. Thomas G. McLeod, on behalf of the committee that passed upon the merits of the papers submitted. Miss Isidore Teicher of the tenth grade won the prize competed for by the ninth and tenth grades and Louis C. Bryan the prize competed for by the seventh and eighth grades. The prizes were the same, viz: \$5 in gold. The subject of the composition this year was "The Causes of the War." The subject was selected by the U. D. C. and was not announced to the grades until the children were assembled in the class rooms and the subject written on the blackboard. The compositions were written in the presence of the committee—Messrs H. F. Wilson, J. M. Knight and T. G. McLeod—a half hour only being allowed.

The prize drill of a picked squad from the military company organized in January last by the Graded School boys was decidedly the most novel and attractive number on the programme. The company is entirely the creation of the boys themselves, having been organized, officered and drilled by pupils of the school. Some members of the squad were scarcely so tall as the gun they handled with the ease and skill of veteran soldiers, and to say that the audience was surprised at their superb drilling does not express it. The squad was drilled by W. S. Manning, Jr., the captain of which he was the moving spirit. Maj. Bradham, of the S. M. A., and Capt. T. S. Dear, of the Sumter Light Infantry, acted as judges. The medal was won by Edward McCutchen and was presented by Maj. Bradham.

The programme in detail follows:

Part I.

Invocation: Rev. R. H. Jones.
Nearer, My God, to Thee.
Song by School, Marching Song.
Declaration, The Confederate Soldier, W. S. Manning, Jr.
Selection, Prof. Shoemaker.
Declaration, The South: Chas. H. Hurst.
Song by School, Ave Maria.
Presentation of Certificates, Commissioner O'Donnell.
Exposition of class motto, Superintendent Edmunds. (Read by Rev. H. H. Covington.)
Overture, Second Regiment Band.

Part II.

Awarding second honor medal, Commissioner Mood.
Class criticism, Miss Hattie Lowry.
Song by School, Forth to the Battle.

Valedictory, Miss Isidore Teicher.
Violin solo, Prof. Shoemaker.
Awarding first honor medal, Chairman Moise.

Music, Second Regiment Band.
Awarding prizes of the U. D. C., The Hon. Thos. G. McLeod. Won by Miss Isidore Teicher of 10th grade and Louis C. Bryan, 7th grade.

Awarding the Rhyme Declaimer's medal, Col. C. J. Owens.
Selection, Prof. Shoemaker.
Prize drill by squad selected by competitive drill.

Awarding medal to the best drilled member of the squad, Major Bradham. Medal won by Edward McCutchen.
Members of class of 1902—Miss Elma Epps, Mr. Chas. Hurst, Miss Hattie Lowry, Miss Annie Lynam, Mr. Wm. Manning, Jr., Miss Cornelia McLaurin, Miss Leona Smith, Miss Isidore Teicher, Miss Evelyn Wallace, Miss Bertha Winburn, Miss Edna Mortimer.

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES.

The Military Academy and the Female College.

The first of the series of attractions of the commencement was held Sunday afternoon in the Opera House. The Y. M. C. A. and Y. W. C. A. were addressed by the Rev. Messrs. Jones and Grossman. They spoke of the ideals of Christian manhood and womanhood and gave wholesome advice as to their peaceful attainment. The associations were congratulated upon their work of the past year and a review made of their beneficence. Rev. C. C. Brown said he would not make a third address, as his predecessors had so ably preceded him and included his choicest thought.

The baccalaureate sermon was preached in the First Baptist Church by Rev. H. H. Covington. The audience was very large, all services for the evening having been dispensed with, in view of affording the opportunity of attending to all.

Monday morning at 10 o'clock the elocution and declamation contests took place. The Opera House was pretty well filled with friends of the institution, who witnessed a very creditable exhibition of talent and ability. The declaimer's medal, contested for by Cadets Woods, Smith and Green, was won by Cadet J. M. Woods; subject, "The New South."

The young ladies then contested for the elocution medal. Misses Hogan, Wells, Chandler, Wells, Owens and Brailsford made splendid examples of the study of the art of expression, and reflect credit upon both themselves and their instruction. Miss Annie Brailsford, of Summeton, was the lucky lady, and she receives the heartiest congratulations and admirations of her many friends.

Gen. E. W. Moise was chairman of the committee on elocution. Gen. Moise congratulated Miss Brailsford upon her graceful and earned success and presented her with a beautiful gold medal.

The first celebration of the Timrod and Gagner Literary Societies of the S. M. A. and F. S. was witnessed Monday night by a large audience. The music was furnished by the Second Regiment band of this city, and the crowd which had to wait for the lights, were delighted on being welcomed by its music.

It is needless here to explain again the unfortunate occurrence of last evening. The public have been already convinced that the fault did not lie with the officers of the military academy and they have been duly exonerated.

The first number on the programme was an essay by Miss Ruth McLaurin. Miss McLaurin rendered her essay with ease and grace, giving a charming portion to the evening's entertainment.

Then President Smith, of the Gagner Society, introduced the debaters—Messrs. Woods and Edwards, affirmative, and Messrs. Green and Jackson, negative. They "Resolved, That the conduct of Admiral Schley at the battle of Santiago should be condemned."

These gentlemen conducted themselves well, and deserve great credit for their successful efforts. The audience was held to close attention throughout. The decision was a difficult one to render, so closely had each one of the debaters approached the standard of excellence.

After much thoughtful consideration, however, the decisions was given to the affirmative.

During the time for the judges to decide, Mrs. Henry Harby sang a song from "Florodora." It goes without saying that Mrs. Harby's voice was a charming attraction.

Then Hon. Mr. Brantley, of Orangeburg, addressed the societies. His oration was fine. His apology at the end at having spoken too long was needless, for his entire speech was enjoyed.

Yesterday there were four gentlemen contestants for the ready speaker's medal. The subject, given a few moments before the speeches, was "The Possibilities of the American Boy." The speeches by Messrs. Woods, Edwards, Green and Smoak were full of wit and humor. Mr. Smoak was the winner, having made plainest how the boy of our country had most advantages and broadest influence of the youth of any other nation.

Next came the military contest. Mr. McIntosh evinced the best knowledge and practice of tactics and by his splendid soldiery won the gold medal.

Just here Rev. C. C. Brown awarded a medal to Cadet Hal Harby for having best transposed a piece of difficult English into monosyllabic words and easy phrases. This brought a close to the exercises of the morning.

TEACHERS ELECTED.

Meeting of City Board of Education Last Night.

The Board met in the City Clerk's office on Friday at 7 o'clock p. m., with all members present. Teachers for the Graded Schools were elected as follows:

Washington Street School—Supt., S. H. Edmunds; Assistant Supt., D. L. Rambo; Misses M. H. Girardeau, A. E. Dick, E. W. McLean, Kate Habenicht, A. D. Richardson, J. M. Mikell, Kate Moses, Annie Graham and Kate DeLorme; Factory School, Mrs. C. L. Crane.

Lincoln School, colored—W. T. Andrews, Principal; S. J. McDonald, Misses A. Savage, E. L. Maxwell, M. E. Glover, and Mrs. McDoanld.

Twenty dollars was allowed to each teacher attending the State Summer School at Rock Hill. The Board realizes the benefit derived from these summer schools and urges upon the teachers to attend.

Reports upon the results achieved at the Factory School are discouraging. The people for whose benefit it was opened do not appear to take advantage of the opportunity placed at their door. The attendance is very small and irregular. It was determined to give this school a three months' trial next fall, and unless there is some improvement it will be closed.

Mr. Edmunds reported that the Industrial Department of the Lincoln School has been a decided success; and it will be continued. The Board will meet again on June 12th, to hear final reports and finish the year's business.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING.

Election of City Board of Education Ordered—Opera House Leased.

Council held a regular meeting last Wednesday afternoon at 6 o'clock, with the following aldermen present: W. B. Boyle, D. J. Chandler, W. H. Epperson, J. A. Schwerin, E. W. Hurst and G. W. Dick.

Mayor pro tem. Hurst presided.

The finance committee reported as follows: All bills referred to us at the last meeting have been approved, except one in favor of T. C. Scaffie, on which we ask further time; and a bill of \$251 in favor of the Sumter Water Co. for removal of a hydrant and extension of pipe to Telephone Street. The latter bill we think should be paid by The Sumter Telephone Manufacturing Co., as the hydrant was placed for their benefit and the city will have done enough in paying the water rent; more particularly as the factory is exempt from all city taxation for five years. The report was adopted.

The police and fire department committees were granted further time for repairs of gutter at No. 2 Hose Co. building and for putting in additional bars on the guard house cells.

The police committee submitted rules and regulations for the police force, on which action was deferred to next meeting.

On motion of Mr. Dick, Council will pay for summer uniforms and hats for policemen, retaining one-half the cost for three months, to be forfeited in case of retirement or discharge from service within that time.

Mr. Chandler, for the paving committee, reported that Mr. Fair's contract had been satisfactorily completed, except that the upper end will have to be raised a little. That Mr. Fair will have been overpaid \$250 or \$300, when outstanding bills are settled, for which he offers to pave Main and Liberty Streets crossing and supply gravel for pavement work. The offer was accepted.

An election of City Board of Education was ordered for second Tuesday in June. The Mayor was authorized to appoint managers and make all necessary arrangements.

Mr. Schwerin suggested changing the name of Republican Street to Hampton Street; but no action was taken.

The Postal Telegraph Co. submitted a statement of receipts and expenses of their Sumter office, which shows a loss to the company. They asked in view of this fact to be exempted from payment of the annual license tax, and their request was referred to the finance committee.

Witherspoon Bros. & Co. requested adoption of an ordinance permitting the Atlantic Coast Line Co. to run a track to their factory across certain streets, and same was referred to committee of public works for advice.

Mr. A. Ryttenberg acceded to condition imposed in lease of Opera House, whereby the public schools and any public meetings called by City Council are to have the use of the building at actual cost of opening. The committee of public works were authorized to arrange contract with Mr. Ryttenberg.

An ordinance to extend the city limits to include the cemeteries had its first reading.

There were no other matters of special interest.

Summer School for Teachers.

The Summer School for Sumter County opened on Monday morning at 9 o'clock promptly. Just as soon as the enrollment was perfected regular work was begun, and from 9.45 to 12 the schedule was adhered to strictly. The daily schedule for recitations is as follows:

9 to 9.15—Opening exercises.
9.15 to 9.45—Music.
9.45 to 10.30—Primary methods, literature.
10.30 to 11.15—Primary methods, geography.
11.15 to 12—Grammar.

The instructors are: Miss A. E. Dick, primary methods; Mr. D. L. Rambo, music and geography; Mr. S. H. Edmunds, principal and instructor in grammar and literature.

The following teachers have enrolled thus far: Miss Rosa Lee Brogdon, Miss Anna P. Burgess, Miss Julia Cuttino, Miss Carabelle Dennis, Miss Dora DuRant, Miss Annie Fort, Miss Sallie Gibbs, Miss Lillie Gregg, Miss Jennie Huggins, Mr. J. D. Huggins, Miss Leona Jennings, Miss Rebecca Jennings, Miss Carrie Mayes, Miss Lucy Mellett, Mr. W. D. Mathis, Mr. C. D. Peterson, Miss Lillie Pringle, Miss Katherine Richardson, Miss Edna Scarborough, Miss Daisy Scott, Miss Virginia Spann, Miss Fanny Sumter, Miss Marie Teicher, Miss Willie May Winburn.

GOVERNMENT OF POLICE.

Rules and Regulations Adopted by City Council of Sumter.

Rule 1. The chief of police, and in his absence the assistant chief or the acting chief, shall at all times be recognized and respected by each member of the force as their superior officer, and in case of the slightest intonation or disobedience of the chief's proper, general or special order by any member of the force, the same shall be reported to the police committee, and the member committing such offence shall be tried, and if found guilty shall be reprimanded, fined, suspended or discharged.

Rule 2. Should any member of the force at any time fail or neglect to arrest or report any persons for violating in any manner the laws or ordinances of the city, he shall be reported by the chief and shall be liable to fine, suspension or discharge.

Rule 3. That it shall be the duty of each policeman, before he locks up a prisoner, to take from him and turn over to the chief of police all money, arms, etc., found on his person.

Rule 4. Each member of the force shall report to the chief of police every morning, at or before 9 o'clock, all nuisances and misdemeanors that may have occurred the night previous.

Rule 5. Each and every member of the police force, upon the arrest of any persons or person for violating the ordinances of the city, for public drunkenness, profane swearing or other misdemeanors, shall require the said person or persons to give a valid bond or valid pledge for his appearance at the Mayor's Court on the following morning or day, and on the failure of so giving such valid bond or valid pledge for his appearance at the Mayor's Court on the following morning or day, shall imprison the said person or persons in the guard house of the city; and on the failure to take such valid bond or pledge, and the persons or person failing to appear when required, the said policeman shall be required to pay the city and fine that may be imposed by the Mayor or City Council for his failure of duty.

Rule 6. That while on duty each policeman shall be fully armed as may be ordered or required by the council or the police committee. He shall be in full uniform, including such regulation hat in summer and cap in winter as may be adopted by the police committee; his hair and whiskers neatly trimmed and shaved. He shall not visit any saloons or places where intoxicating or malt liquors are kept for sale, or houses of ill fame, except in the pursuance of his official duties.

Rule 7. That while on duty all members of the public force are strictly prohibited from drinking any kind of intoxicating liquors or smoking.

Rule 8. That while on duty no member of the force shall be allowed to take a chair or other seat on the street, or in any wise lounge or loaf, or enter into conversation with any persons or person except on police business. He must watch the conduct of all person or persons of known or suspicious character. He must prevent any obstructions of sidewalks or streets. He must disperse all crowds of a riotous or noisy nature, or those disturbing the peace and quiet of the city.

Rule 9. That each member of the force shall at all times conduct himself in a quiet, genteel and orderly manner, and act with prudence, coolness and judgment, but with a deliberate determination of effecting and strictly enforcing all the laws and ordinances ordained and passed by the City Council.

Rule 10. That while off duty they be allowed to retire to their respective homes or place of rest, but under no circumstances shall a member of the force be allowed to loiter or loaf or sit about the streets, or enter into any place of ill-fame in full or part uniform of the city, except in the discharge of his duty as a policeman.

Rule 11. No policeman shall publicly discuss the conduct of any other policeman, but all complaints must be made to the chief or the sergeant in charge and through the chief to the police committee.

Rule 12. The entire police force must report to the chief at the station house at 1 o'clock p. m. on each day for inspection and special instruction, and the matter of change force at 1 o'clock at night shall be done at such time, place and manner as may be decided by the chief of police.

Rule 13. Should any member of the force fail or neglect in any way to obey and do according to the rules and regulations herein set forth, he shall be liable to fine, suspension from office or final discharge from the force, as may be ordered by the police committee or City Council.

Rule 14. No policeman shall leave the city except by consent of the chief and two members of the police committee. The chief shall keep a blotter, purchased by the police committee, in his office, to record all arrests, the offense, articles taken from the person, etc.

Any failure to comply with the above rules by the chief, or his assistant, or the acting chief, he shall be reprimanded, fined, suspended or discharged, as the police committee or the majority of them recommend to the City Council.

Rule 15. The chief of police is hereby authorized and empowered, for the purpose of proper discipline and regulation of his force, to suspend any member thereof for a period of not exceeding ten days; and it shall be the duty of the chief to notify the police committee, in writing, of said suspension, giving the reasons of the same, which said matter shall be reported to the City Council by the police committee, together with any recommendations that may be made by the chief.

W. H. Epperson,
J. A. Schwerin,
Geo. W. Dick,
Police Committee.

The Local Firemen.

The two hose reel teams, the Monaghans and the Delgars, have been practicing on Main Street late in the evening for the past three or four days, for the forthcoming firemen's tournament, and have made some very pretty and fast runs. Large crowds of people gather to witness the practice and cheer the boys in their work.

Crep paper 8c. the roll. Osteen's Book Store.

ENGINEER CAVIN'S CONDITION.

It Is Now Hoped That His Recovery Is Assured.

The many friends of Engineer Cavin, who was seriously injured in the accident near Charleston Sunday morning, will be glad to learn that his condition is now more encouraging and there is a chance that he may recover. He is suffering from concussion of the brain, a severe scalp wound and a wound on the neck. He was unconscious for forty-eight hours but has regained consciousness, and save for slight fever his condition is satisfactory. Dr. Hofman, who saw him said last week that unless brain fever should develop he will most probably recover.

POSTMASTER GEORGE D. SHORE.

A Popular Business Man Receives the Appointment.

The appointment of Mr. George D. Shore as Postmaster of Sumter was announced in Washington last Wednesday afternoon.

The appointment gives general satisfaction, and while there are citizens who for personal reasons favored one or the other of other applicants for the office, no one has shown any antagonism to Mr. Shore, for it was admitted by all that if he should be appointed the office would be conducted in a thoroughly efficient and business-like manner during his incumbency. His many friends are delighted over his appointment and he has been the recipient of numberless congratulations. No other appointment would have given equal satisfaction to the business men of the city, and for once at least President Roosevelt and his political advisers have made an appointment in South Carolina that meets with popular approval.

Mr. Shore is a native of Salem, N. C., but has been a resident of Sumter for fifteen years, is thoroughly identified with the place and is one of Sumter's most substantial and popular business men. He has always been a National Republican, but in local affairs has acted with the Democrats. He served two years as a member of the board of aldermen, for which position he was nominated by a Democratic primary, and he was elected by Democratic votes.

Mr. Shore will probably take charge of the office as soon as his bond can be filed and approved, inasmuch as Mrs. Whittemore's four years term expired June 3d.

POCKET MONEY FOR ORPHANS.

Children From Thornwell Orphanage Pass Through City—Money Given Them by Committee.

One hundred and sixty of the children from Thornwell Orphanage passed through the city last Wednesday afternoon on their way to Charleston to visit the Exposition.

Dr. W. P. Jacobs, to whom the Orphanage owes its existence, was in charge of the party, and the children were all looking forward with delight and the keenest anticipation to a day of pleasure to be spent in seeing the sights of Charleston and the wonders and beauties of the Exposition.

When the train arrived at the depot Wednesday afternoon Dr. Jacobs was sought out by Dr. George W. Dick and Mr. J. H. Levy, the committee that had charge of the collection taken up for the orphans, and the money so generously contributed by the lodges and citizens of Sumter was delivered to Dr. Jacobs. He was informed that the money had been given for the purpose of supplying the children with a little pocket change for their individual use while in Charleston. Dr. Jacobs was requested to divide the money equally between the children, and to say to them that while the amount was small, that with it went the best wishes of the people of Sumter and the hope that the children would enjoy every minute of their stay at the Exposition.

Dr. Jacobs, after thanking the committee, asked to be excused for a few minutes to tell the children what Sumter had done for them, and as he passed through the three cars filled with children a cheer was raised for Sumter and the Sumter people.

When Dr. Jacobs returned he stated that he had in the party 160 of the older children but had left 64 of the younger children at the orphanage, who on account of their tender years would have been unable to take the trip unless accompanied by nurses.

The railroads furnished free transportation for the children, and they were entertained and given free admission into the Exposition and to all the shows on the Midway.

To the majority of the children this is the trip of their lives and their delight can scarcely be realized.

Dr. Jacobs seemed to be deeply touched by the thoughtful kindness of the Sumter people, and said that while the children would be well taken care of and have every comfort while in Charleston the money given them would be the means of giving them many added pleasures.

The committee made the following report of the amount raised:

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| Previously reported, | \$39 75 |
| M. Moise, | 1 00 |
| W. B. Burns, | 1 00 |
| W. B. Boyle, | 1 00 |
| J. H. Chandler, | 50 |
| G. F. Epperson, | 50 |
| D. J. Chandler, | 1 00 |
| D. M. Dick, | 25 |
| J. S. Pinckney, | 1 00 |
| Box at Levy & Moses Store, | 5 73 |
| Collected by Misses DeLorme, LaMotte and Spann, | 4 40 |
| Collected by Misses Hall and Hughson, | 1 75 |
| Collected at depot, | 5 57 |
| Total, | \$64 45 |

Sumter County Medical Association.

The annual meeting of the Sumter County Medical Association was held last Friday night. The retiring president, Dr. Walter Cheyne, read an address on "The Complications of Dysentery," and Dr. Van Telburg-Hofman read a paper on "Railroad Accidents."

A committee was appointed to draw up appropriate resolutions in regard to the death of Dr. J. H. Furman, a member of the association.

The newly elected officers for the ensuing year are: Dr. J. J. Bossard, president; Drs. M. L. Parler and A. C. Dick, vice presidents; Dr. Van Telburg-Hofman, secretary-treasurer.

United Charities of Sumter.

This organization has finished the first year of its work. It had been intended to call a public meeting for the purpose of informing citizens of what has been done. But so many things have intervened that it does not appear advisable to do so until after the school commencements are over. Meanwhile there are urgent demands upon the association for help to those who have been dependent largely upon us during the past year, and who will suffer should our benefactions cease even for a month. We have therefore requested the ladies of the ward committees to canvass the membership for renewals of subscription, and hope that many new names will be added to the roll of those of our fellow citizens who will aid us in the humane work we are doing. We trust that no one who can help even to a small extent will refuse to enroll.

Neill O'Donnell,
W. M. Graham,
W. F. Rhame,
C. M. Hurst, Jr.,
Committee.

Summer Rates.

The Southern Railway announces that the summer round trip tickets to points in the mountains will be put on sale on June 1. Summer home folders are now being distributed. They give complete information as to rates and summer resort hotels.

Triennial Convention.

International Sunday School Association, Denver, Col., June 26-July 2, 1902. Southern Railway announces rate of one first-class fare for the round trip, plus \$2 from all points in this territory, to Denver. Tickets will be sold June 21, 22 and 23, with final limit leaving Denver July 31, with privilege of extension to August 31. Parties taking this trip have an excellent opportunity of visiting the Grand Canyon, Pike's Peak, Garden of the Gods, Yellowstone Park, Salt Lake City, and other points in the west, as reduced rates will be made for these side trips.

Dr. W. E. Pelham, of Newberry, S. C., State Chairman, will be in charge of the South Carolina delegation, going via Southern Railway to St. Louis, at which point immediate connections will be made through to Denver.

For further information apply to W. E. McGee, T. P. A., Augusta, Ga.; R. L. Seay, P. & T. A., Columbia, S. C.; or R. W. Hunt, D. P. A., Charleston, S. C.

COLUMBIA FEMALE COLLEGE.

Sumter Delegation Was Not at the Trustees' Meeting Monday.

Columbia, June 3.—The board of trustees of the Columbia Female College at the annual meeting yesterday decided to send a committee to visit the communities which in good faith made proposals for the removal of the college.

The cities which have up to this time manifested interest in the removal of the college are Sumter, Aiken, Greenwood and Laurens. The two latter appear to be the most zealous. A committee from each of these cities appeared before the board yesterday and urged that a committee be sent around to look at the various sites. A letter making a similar request was received from Aiken, and a similar request was understood to come from Sumter, although the committee from that city did not arrive before the board adjourned its session of yesterday.

The members of the board present at this meeting are Rev. E. O. Watson, of Charleston; Rev. R. H. Jones, of Sumter; Rev. T. C. Odell, of Columbia; Rev. Leroy F. Beaty, of Nashville, Tenn.; Rev. T. E. Morris, Chester; Capt. R. H. Jennings, Columbia; Mr. Geo. H. Bates, of Barnwell; Dr. W. J. Murray, of Columbia; Hon. P. L. Hardin, of Chester, and Mr. P. A. Hodges, of Bennettsville.

No proposals were made yesterday, and it is not known how much money any of these cities will offer, but it is believed that the college will be kept in Columbia if the final offers are the same. The real fight